

# DUTCH JOHN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

## CONFERENCE HALL

Monday, January 11, 2016

## AGENDA

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:15 P.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENT:** Members: Harriet Dickerson, Dave McDonald, Ryan Kelly, Sandy Kunkel. Excused: Buddy Rogers, out of town on business.

Guests: Jack Lytle, John Morton, Brian Raymond

### BUSINESS:

1. Public Comments – limited to 5 minutes per individual. None
2. Review/approval of Minutes from last meeting. Approved as written.
3. Review of Correspondence.
  - a. Letter from BOR – Information regarding rate increase by the BOR for pumping water from Reservoir to Water plant.
  - b. Fire District Information – Harriet received information from Uintah County as to procedures to set up a Fire District. This had been discussed before and this is just information which can be considered at the appropriate time.
4. Approval of Expenditures. None.
5. Old Business.
  - a. Necessary procedures for issuing Business Licenses.
    - i. County is researching possibility that individuals operating both in the town of Dutch John and Daggett County will need to purchase two licenses. This will be discussed at County Commission meeting tomorrow. Brian Raymond provided list of licensees which can be used when appropriate.
    - ii. Notice for Ordinance - Believe this can be handled by Resolution. Resolution for discussion will be presented at next meeting.
    - iii. Form of document – Discussion and decision made to use same requirements as used by Daggett County last year. No change will be made by Town for this coming year. Form of actual license was presented and approved.
6. New Business. Information/discussion/possible action.
  - a. Brian Raymond – 6:30 – Brian Raymond will give his findings for the water rate change and implementation of the long overdue commercial water billing in Dutch John. Water usage will have base usage of 0-12,000. Brian presented lots of good information and explained several options we could consider. He brought up the

discussion of perhaps having a differing rate for businesses between summer months when business flourishes and winter months when visitation is limited. Dave offered information that leaving the rate stable would, in fact, cost the business 40% of one night's lodging or approximately \$69.00 per month during winter months. This amount is relatively insignificant as compared to accounting required to sustain two different rates. Additionally, as with all businesses, costs of operation are passed on to consumers so not burdensome to the business. The general consensus was the one stable rate will serve the Town best.

- b. Discussion and possible action in regard to retaining Jesse Slaugh as Dutch John employee.** Dave presented information showing the need to keep both Doug Sands and Jesse Slaugh as employees of the Town. Doug is both Water and Sewer Certified and Jesse is extremely valuable because of his historical knowledge, his experience, and his good skills in performing operations necessary to the Town. We can explore a cost sharing MOU with the County for work performed for the County. Discussion of fleet services will also be necessary.
- 7. Discussion on next year events planning – Freedom Days...** John Morton agreed to contact people who do fireworks. We have \$1,500.00 in monies that can be used this year. Including the money expected to be received from the Chamber of Commerce and collection of donations, it is anticipated that we should have a budget of approximately \$10,000.00. We discussed the infrastructure necessary for parking and possible additions should they become necessary. We discussed the importance of adequate sanitation facilities. Information and decisions still need to be made regarding “booths” serving food and other commodities and setting a charge for said facilities.
- 8. Other Information.** Jack Lytle told the Council that he has possible bids for fixing both leaking hydrants for \$10,000 or just the one at the school for \$7,500.00. The council felt that fixing just the school one at the moment is the best decision. Waiting until Spring when the ground is not frozen will be a better time to fix the other, eliminating the possibility of other things breaking at this time because of the conditions. Jack was asked to arrange the repair starting at noon on a Thursday afternoon so that the school students can be dismissed without the need to make up an entire day of school and he made not of the request.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NECESSARY**

There being no need for executive session and no further additions, Sandy moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Ryan, and the meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

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